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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) supplements the IDS filed on March 2, 2004. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Additionally, an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office issued in a counterpart application citing the listed document and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed, together with an English translation of the Office Action. An English-language Abstract is also enclosed for the cited

Japanese language document. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that the document was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO 1449 Form.

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Respectfully submitted,

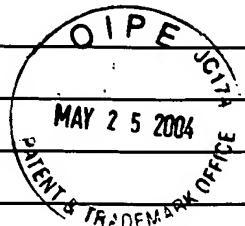
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